

FAQ

What is the timeline for this transition?

To insure a smooth transition, Nolan and Jon will work together for almost four weeks. Jon will come on staff at WordServe the week of May 9. His first Sunday will be May 15, and Nolan's last Sunday will be June 5.

What can we do to help WordServe during this time of transition?

The first thing you can do is pray. Pray for God's greatest desires for WordServe. Pray for Jon Sims and his family as they prepare to step into the WordServe family, and pray for Nolan and his family as they seek to finish their service at WordServe well.

We are working to use the season of transition from now until June 5 as a season of preparing the church for all that God has in store. In the coming weeks, as the WordServe family, we'll have opportunities to commit ourselves to what God is doing in and through our church and prepare for what is coming next.

What changes will be made to WordServe as a result of the change in pastors?

The only immediate change will be that Nolan Donald will no longer be the lead pastor and Jon Sims will become the lead pastor. As Jon listens and gets to know the WordServe family, he'll begin leading WordServe forward, but he doesn't come with a predetermined plan of what to do. He'll be listening, learning, and seeking to lead where God is moving.

How are pastors selected and appointed?

In the United Methodist Church, pastors are appointed by the presiding bishop. The bishop oversees the needs of the entire annual conference and appoints pastors to best serve the churches of this region. WordServe is a part of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Bishop Janice Riggie Huie will make the appointment.

I still have additional questions, whom should I contact for more information about this transition?

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is a subteam of the Church Council. They oversee all of our personnel matters. Feel free to contact any of the members of SPRC to learn more about the transition.